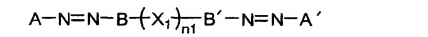
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An ink, comprising at least one dye represented by formula (1):

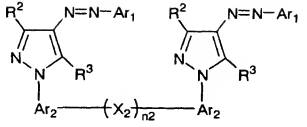
Formula (1)



wherein, in formula (1), A and A' each independently represent an aryl group or a monovalent heterocyclic group; B and B' each independently represent an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; $X_1$ represents a divalent linking group; n1 is an integer of 0 or 1; and at least one of A, B, A', and B' is a heterocyclic group.

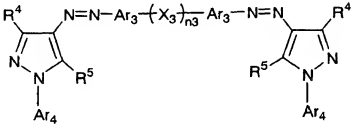
2. The ink according to Claim 1, wherein the dye represented by formula (1) is a dye represented by formula (2) or (3):

Formula (2)



wherein, in formula (2), $R^2$ represents a monovalent group; $R^3$ represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which $R^6$ and $R^7$ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; $X_2$ represents a divalent linking group; n2 is an integer of 0 or 1; $Ar_1$ represents an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; and $Ar_2$ represents an alkylene group, an arylene group, or a divalent triazine ring group;

Formula (3)



wherein, in formula (3), $R^4$ represents a monovalent

group; $R^5$ represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which $R^6$ and $R^7$ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; $X_3$ represents a divalent linking group; n3 is an integer of 0 or 1; $Ar_3$ represents an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; and $Ar_4$ represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group.

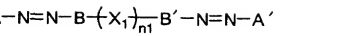
3. The ink according to Claim 1, wherein, in formula (1), A and A' are identical with each other and also B and B' are identical with each other.

4. The ink according to Claim 1, wherein, in formula (1), A and A' each are a 5-aminopyrazole ring, and B and B' each are a thiadiazole ring.

5. An ink-jet-recording method, comprising the step of: forming an image with an ink, on an image-receiving material having an ink-receiving layer containing white inorganic pigment particles on a support,

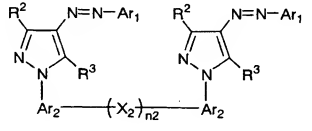
wherein the ink comprises at least one dye represented by formula (1), (2) or (3):

Formula (1)



wherein, in formula (1), A and A' each independently represent an aryl group or a monovalent heterocyclic group; B and B' each independently represent an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; $X_1$ represents a divalent linking group; n1 is an integer of 0 or 1; and at least one of A, B, A', and B' is a heterocyclic group;

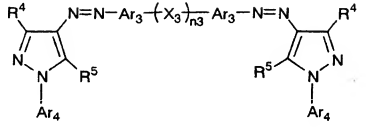
Formula (2)



wherein, in formula (2), $R^2$ represents a monovalent group; $R^3$ represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which $R^6$ and $R^7$ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; $X_2$ represents a divalent linking group; n2 is an integer of 0 or 1; $Ar_1$ represents an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; and $Ar_2$ represents an alkylene

group, an arylene group, or a divalent triazine ring group;

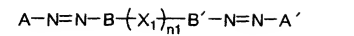
Formula (3)



wherein, in formula (3), $R^4$ represents a monovalent group; $R^5$ represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which $R^6$ and $R^7$ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; $X_3$ represents a divalent linking group; n3 is an integer of 0 or 1; $Ar_3$ represents an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; and $Ar_4$ represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group.

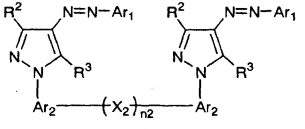
6. An ink sheet, comprising at least one dye represented by formula (1), (2) or (3):

Formula (1)



wherein, in formula (1), A and A' each independently represent an aryl group or a monovalent heterocyclic group; B and B' each independently represent an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; $X_1$ represents a divalent linking group; n1 is an integer of 0 or 1; and at least one of A, B, A', and B' is a heterocyclic group;

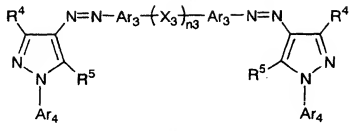
Formula (2)



wherein, in formula (2), $R^2$ represents a monovalent group; $R^3$ represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which $R^6$ and $R^7$ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; $X_2$ represents a divalent linking group; n2 is an integer of 0 or 1; $Ar_1$ represents an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; and $Ar_2$ represents an alkylene

group, an arylene group, or a divalent triazine ring group;

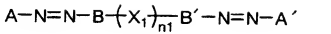
Formula (3)



wherein, in formula (3), $R^4$ represents a monovalent group; $R^5$ represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which $R^6$ and $R^7$ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; $X_3$ represents a divalent linking group; n3 is an integer of 0 or 1; $Ar_3$ represents an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; and $Ar_4$ represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group.

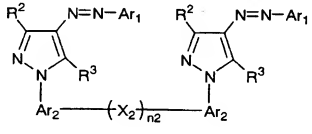
7. A color toner, comprising at least one dye represented by formula (1), (2) or (3):

Formula (1)



wherein, in formula (1), A and A' each independently represent an aryl group or a monovalent heterocyclic group; B and B' each independently represent an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; $X_1$ represents a divalent linking group; n1 is an integer of 0 or 1; and at least one of A, B, A', and B' is a heterocyclic group;

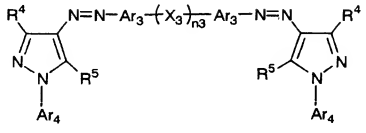
Formula (2)



wherein, in formula (2), $R^2$ represents a monovalent group; $R^3$ represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which $R^6$ and $R^7$ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; $X_2$ represents a divalent linking group; n2 is an integer of 0 or 1; $Ar_1$ represents an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; and $Ar_2$ represents an alkylene

group, an arylene group, or a divalent triazine ring group;

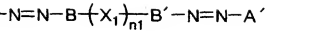
Formula (3)



wherein, in formula (3), $R^4$ represents a monovalent group; $R^5$ represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which $R^6$ and $R^7$ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; $X_3$ represents a divalent linking group; n3 is an integer of 0 or 1; $Ar_3$ represents an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; and $Ar_4$ represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group.

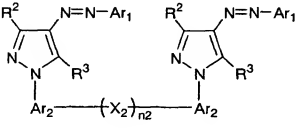
8. A color filter, comprising at least one dye represented by formula (1), (2) or (3):

Formula (1)



wherein, in formula (1), A and A′ each independently represent an aryl group or a monovalent heterocyclic group; B and B′ each independently represent an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; $X_1$ represents a divalent linking group; n1 is an integer of 0 or 1; and at least one of A, B, A′, and B′ is a heterocyclic group;

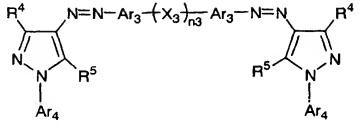
Formula (2)



wherein, in formula (2), $R^2$ represents a monovalent group; $R^3$ represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which $R^6$ and $R^7$ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; $X_2$ represents a divalent linking group; n2 is an integer of 0 or 1; $Ar_1$ represents an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; and $Ar_2$ represents an alkylene

group, an arylene group, or a divalent triazine ring group;

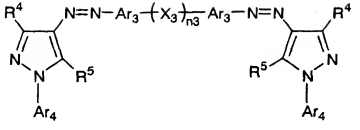
Formula (3)



wherein, in formula (3), $R^4$ represents a monovalent group; $R^5$ represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which $R^6$ and $R^7$ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; $X_3$ represents a divalent linking group; n3 is an integer of 0 or 1; $Ar_3$ represents an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; and $Ar_4$ represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group.

9. A bis-azo compound represented by formula (3):

Formula (3)



wherein, in formula (3), $R^4$ represents a monovalent group; $R^5$ represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which $R^6$ and $R^7$ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; $X_3$ represents a divalent linking group; n3 is an integer of 0 or 1; $Ar_3$ represents an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; and $Ar_4$ represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group.

10. The bis-azo compound according to Claim 9, wherein, in formula (3), $R^5$ is an amino group.

11. The bis-azo compound according to Claim 9, wherein, in formula (3), $Ar_3$ is a thiadiazole ring.